

India provided Covid aid to 150+ nations: Shringla

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Calling for UN Security Council to be made more representative of developing countries, the government on Wednesday said India valued a multipolar international order, premised upon respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of all countries and resolution of international disputes through peaceful negotiations.

Addressing a meeting of Conference on Interaction and Confidence-Building Measures in Asia (CICA), foreign secretary Harsh Shringla said while the pandemic exposed the fault-lines from the vulnerability of global supply chains to inequitable vaccine distribution, it also underlined the need for global solidarity and strengthened multilateralism.

“The re-imagined postpandemic world will make profoundly different demands from the multilateral system, which must evolve so as to be fit for purpose and capable of inspiring confidence in its ability to effectively meet those demands,” said Shringla, as he recalled that India had provided Covid-related pharmaceuticals, vaccines and medical equipment to over 150 countries, including to CICA member-states.

CICA is a multilateral forum for enhancing cooperation towards promoting peace, security and stability in Asia.

Shringla said concerted action was required to face the challenges of terrorism, radicalisation, drug trafficking and organised crime. “India’s vision of the Indo-Pacific as a free, open and inclusive region underpinned by international law is premised on the common pursuit of progress and prosperity,” he said. CICA counts among its members 27 countries, including Afghanistan, Bangladesh, China, India, Russia, Iran and Pakistan.



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